

West Paradise.

West Paradise, Dec. 2.—Miss Ethel Saunders, who has spent the last few months at Torbrook in the millinery business, has returned to spend the winter with her parents.

Mr. Robert Healy, of the firm of the Willett Fruit Co., St. John, after a short visit with his parents, has returned to St. John.

Mr. Daniel Whitman has built a very fine veranda on the front of his house which, with other improvements and a coat of paint, adds quite materially to the beauty of his place.

The pie social in the Hall Nov. 30th owing to the inclemency of the weather and bad roads, was not very largely attended. The sum of \$4.00 was realized.

Mr. Arthur Morse went to Halifax on Saturday, 30th inst. to take up his duties as Fruit Inspector, having lately been appointed to that position by the government.

Mr. Bernard Spurr has sold his valuable farm and, we understand, intends purchasing a farm in New Brunswick. Mr. Spurr is one of our progressive farmers and a good citizen whom we regret to have go from our community.

Mr. Allan Cameron, who has spent the past few months in the United States, returned home on Thursday last.

Preaching in Evergreen Hall Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Sabbath School at 2 p. m. Social service on Friday evening at 7.30.

Port Lorne

Port Lorne, Dec. 2nd.—Mrs. Ayrd Brown, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cropley, has returned to her home in Wingham, Mass. She was accompanied by Mrs. Euphemia Brown, who will spend the winter in that place.

Mrs. Israel Hall and son Avaré are visiting friends in Lynn.

Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Beardsley visited at Wolfville and Bridgetown last week.

Capt. J. D. Brinton received word a few days ago that his son Percy had met with an accident that has caused the loss of one leg. He has been working in Lynn only a few weeks.

Percy Anderson is home from sea.

Bear River

Bear River, Dec. 3rd.—Mrs. Thos. Nowell and child of Saskatoon, arrived on Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reade.

Mr. M. C. Rice, Boston, is visiting friends here for a few days.

S.S. Bear River sailed for St. John on Monday with a full cargo.

Capt. Geo. E. Purdy has secured the command of the Sch. Basil Jones Bros., of Weymouth, being the owners.

The heavy rain of Monday night cleaned up the late fall of snow and left the streets in a bad condition.

Sch. Mercedes of Clementsport, is on the marine blocks for repairs.

Miss Alice Harris was taken quite ill on Monday night.

Port Wade

Port Wade, Dec. 2.—Congratulations are in order at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ryder on the birth of a son, Nov. 23th.

Sch. Albert J. Lutz, Apt. came in Friday morning after a bad night on the Bay. About 65,000 was the toll. Very rough weather was experienced the three weeks out.

James Slocumb came home on Saturday from Yarmouth, where he has spent some months.

Arthur Wilson of Digby, was visiting over Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jas. Slocumb.

Preaching service here next Sunday evening, by Pastor Cornwall.

Wiswall Covert has added very materially to his cottage home recently by both beauty and comfort.

The Fishing Officer, Mr. Wm. Bailey was in the village last week.

The Ladies of the United Baptist church are holding a series of 10c. teas at their respective homes, the one this week to be held with Mr. and Mrs. Anell Casey.

Deep Brook

Deep Brook, Dec. 3.—A pie social was held in the Union Hall on Thursday evening. The funerals will be used to pay for some repairs on the Baptist parsonage.

At St. Matthew's church on Tuesday afternoon the solemn and beautiful rite of confirmation was administered to three candidates. The dress of Bishop Worrall was very helpful to those who heard it.

Mrs. Frank Ruggles and her daughter, May, spent a few days at Bridgetown last week.

Rev. J. F. MacFadden was holding special meetings at Smiths Cove last week.

The Deep Brook Dorcas Society met at the homes of Mrs. George Spurr on Wednesday afternoon and Mrs. Jos. Berry's in the evening. All enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. William Curtis, junior, arrived home from New York last week.

A number of people of this place attended baptism at Smiths Cove on Sunday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. MacFadden.

Mrs. Alfred St. Liffie of Digby, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Ruggles last week.

Parker's Cove

Parker's Cove, Dec. 3rd.—Our mild weather was broken on Friday when quite a heavy fall of snow came accompanied by a high wind.

Several of our men folk have come home from a fishing trip to the westward, Mr. Thomas Milner intends staying home.

Mr. Amos Robinson of Boston came home on Nov. 29th to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Robinson.

Mrs. Edward Hudson and little son Chester, of Hillsburn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Milner, this week.

Mrs. Lawrence Willett of Belleisle, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Rice, last week.

Lawrencetown

Lawrencetown, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Kemp-ton of Wolfville visited her friend, Mrs. Isiah Wallace last week.

Rev. Mr. McGregor is holding special meetings with Pastor Mellick at South Williamston.

Carl Freeman of Liverpool is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Freeman.

The ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) F. W. Young on Friday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Armitage are occupying the new Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. Helen Phinney has gone to Clarence to spend a few weeks.

The Literary Club will meet at Mrs. W. W. Bent's on Wednesday evening; Dr. J. B. Hall, president.

Services for Sunday, 8th: Baptist, 11 a.m.; Episcopal, 3 p.m.; Methodist, 7.30; Mission Band 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Wm. MacPherson is spending a week in Queens County.

The W. M. A. S. met with Mrs. Laura West on Monday afternoon with a good attendance.

The pupils of the Baptist Sunday school are preparing a Christmas program for Sunday, 22nd.

Rev. Porter-Shirley of Annapolis Royal will give a lecture in the Methodist church on Thursday evening, 12th inst.

Mr. E. H. Freeman is going to Cobalt for an indefinite period.

The executive committee met at the Baptist parsonage on Monday afternoon to arrange the program for the annual district S.S. Convention, which will be held in the Methodist church on Dec. 13th afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Judson Balcom and Mrs. C.S. Balcom spent last Friday at Middleton, the guests of Dr. A. D. and Mrs. Durling.

We are glad to report Mrs. Richardson convalescent.

Clarence.

Clarence, Dec. 3.—The property known as the Dodge Farm has passed into the hands of L.G. White.

The W.M.A.S. met at the home of Mrs. S. N. Pearl on Monday afternoon.

Miss Pearl Balcom of Lawrencetown spent a couple of days last week with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Rumsey.

The sympathy of the community is extended Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sprowl in the death of their infant daughter.

Harlan Balcom spent the week and with his sister, Mrs. E. A. Rumsey, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Sprowl have returned from Boston, where they have been spending the past few months.

Harry Hines of Mt. Rose is loading a car with hay at the Central Fruit Co. siding.

Members of the District Sunday School Executive met at the Lawrencetown Baptist parsonage on Monday afternoon, Dec. 2nd, to make arrangements for the annual session which meets with the Lawrencetown Methodist school on the 13th.

Service for Dec. 8th: Bible School at 10 o'clock; preaching by Pastor at 11 o'clock; B.Y.P.U. Roll Call at 7.30 o'clock.

Belleisle

Belleisle, Dec. 3rd.—Miss Anna Bustin of Fredericton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Bustin.

Mr. Ralph Goodwin has gone to the United States for the winter, having taken a situation in the M.S. F.M. at Waverly, Mass.

Belleisle Division, No. 311, at its last meeting debated the following resolution:—"Resolved, that Free Rural delivery in so far as Belle Isle is concerned, is an improvement over the old system." The resolution was defeated by a large majority.

We learn that the people of this locality are going to have the appreciated benefit of the telephone in the near future.

The farmers of this locality at raising some very fine colts for sale use. Mr. C. L. Goodwin's is the beauty.

St. Croix Cove

St. Croix Cove, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Em-mersen Mitchell, of Hampton, and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Shearer, of Paradise, visited friends here last week.

After an absence of seven years spent in the United States, Mr. Hardy Hall visited his home and friends here this week.

Mr. Nathan Morse, of P.E.I., formerly of Bridgetown, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall.

Paradise

Paradise, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Leonard welcomed a son on the 28th ult.

Mr. Harry Morse has purchased a motor boat.

The Literary Society will meet at the parsonage on the 16th inst. subject "Christmas."

A fox farm is reported to be in prospect in this place. Details will be announced later.

Miss Thorne of Lower Graaville has been a guest of Mrs. F. W. Bishop.

Mr. H. A. Longley was successful in obtaining a cash prize of seven dollars in the competition for the best half acre of potatoes held under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Harry Morse has his lungaloo about completed.

Mr. Howard Groscup of Lower Graaville visited Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Groscup recently.

North Williamston

North Williamston, Dec. 3rd.—We are pleased to report that our aged citizen, Mr. John Pierce, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks through sickness, is able to be around again.

Mr. Harry Beal and family of South Williamston is spending the winter here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Beal.

Miss Amy Crawford was the guest of her cousin, Miss Inez Crawford during the past two weeks.

Mrs. J. R. Hilsley and baby Maude spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tupper, of Lower Middleton.

Our school is progressing finely under the skillful management of Miss Lilla Noglir of East Inglisville.

There are some here who were interested in the Exhibition at Bridgetown who are anxious to learn what has become of the prize list.

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Instances of the careless use of fire-arms are reported from time to time, and recently there have been some narrow escapes from serious accidents in the vicinity of Moncton, but one of the most alarming cases is reported from Stevens mountain.

One day this week while the pupils in the school there were engaged at their work, they were startled by a crash and the falling of glass. Examination of the windows showed that a bullet from a hunter's rifle had gone through the window of the school house, nearly hitting one of the pupils, a little girl. The bullet, it is said, went close by her head.—Moncton Transcript.

COLD SORES AND ULCERS ARE HEALED BY ZAM-BUK

Cold sores, chapped hands, ulcers, and winter eczema are common troubles just now, and for all these Zam-Buk will be found the surest and quickest remedy. Sometimes cold sores arise from chilblains on the toes of fingers, and in the former case, where the colored socks are worn, there is a danger of blood-poisoning from the dye. Zam-Buk being so powerfully antiseptic removes the danger as soon as applied and quickly heals.

Mr. W. J. Halliday, of Ash Grove, Ont., says: "I had my little finger frozen, and it cracked at the first joint, causing a bad sore, which discharged freely and would not heal. The pain was very bad, and the whole of my hand became swollen and in bad shape."

"A friend advised me to try Zam-Buk, and I soon found that Zam-Buk was altogether different to any preparation I had ever tried. In a very short time it healed the sore."

Miss Lillie May, of Stoney Creek, Ont., says: "A few weeks since, several nasty, disfiguring cold sores suddenly broke out on my lips, which became much swollen. Seeing my condition, a friend advised me to try Zam-Buk and leave all other preparations aside. This I did, and was much pleased, after a few applications of this balm, to see every sore healed."

Zam-Buk will also be found a sure cure for eczema, blood-poison, various sores, piles, scalp sores, ring-worm, inflamed patches, babies' eruptions and chapped places, cuts, burns, bruises, and skin injuries generally. All druggists and stores sell at 50c. box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price. Refuse harmful imitations and substitutes.

Use also Zam-Buk Soap, 25c. tablet. Best for baby's tender skin.

Nova Scotia Apples

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all but reached 2,000,000 barrels. Quantities, of course, cannot be regulated closely. Nature still being triumphant over the best efforts of man, but the conduct of the industry can and has been improved in most marked manner during the past ten years, more especially since the co-operative system has gained ground. At one time anything that had grown on a tree was considered good enough to ship to England, provided the best fruit was always on the top layer. It is easy to understand that such ill-considered practices do not rank even as clever roguery, the fraud being palpable and easily discovered.

Very soon it was realized that for the Nova Scotian apple industry to be prosperous the work must be conducted on straight forward and honest lines. In other words, the top layer of fruit shall be a fair indication of the entire contents of the barrel, and not a mere decoy for the unwary and inexperienced purchaser the result that genuine packing took A Fruit Marks Act was passed, with the place of false and careless methods, and confidence in the Colonial fruit was quickly established. That was the first move in the right direction, and many more have followed since a large number of growers have joined forces. The association known as the United Fruit Companies handles about half the entire output of Nova Scotian orchards, and has done more than legislation to improve the lot of the grower, and, incidentally, to satisfy the consumer.

STORAGE AND CO-OPERATION.
Belonging to the association are frost-proof warehouses for storing the fruit during the cold season—10 degrees below zero not being an uncommon occurrence in those parts. In former days farmers who were not possessed of sufficient means to build these warehouses (at a cost of about \$3,000 each) were compelled to sell their fruit to local speculators, astute gentlemen, who took special care to leave an ample margin of profit for themselves, even assuming the market to be unfavourable in England. To do away with the necessary middleman there arose the twenty-nine associations now merged way, must not be confused with the into the one company, which, by the United Fruit Company of Boston, that vast and wealthy organization which provides Europe with bananas and Jamaica oranges.

London is the chief market for Nova Scotian apples, and for many years it has fallen to the lot of the Colony to provide cheap and good varieties for the middle-classes and the poor of the capital. It has been said of the port that they do not make new friends. Well, in regard to apple supplies they want no better friend than Nova Scotia, especially since the co-operative system of marketing has been worked with such good effect. Growers send their fruit loosely packed to one of the association's depots. Upon arrival it is standardized and sorted into "ones," "twos," and "threes"—the chief grades used to designate the size and quality of the fruit. There are also "fancy" and "extra fancy" apples for specially fine lots. Fruit deemed unsuitable for shipment is set aside; the rejected ones being described as "culs." Growers receive no credit, financial or otherwise, for any apples sent to the packing house which are ranked among the unworthy.

FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS.
Apple warehouses in Nova Scotia are visited by Government inspectors but the standard of work required by those who examine on behalf of the company is higher than that insisted upon by the officials of the law. So universal is the confidence in the work of the co-operative body that fully 30,000 barrels of apples were sold this season before the fruit had been gathered. It was guaranteed to be in accordance with packing, and that was sufficient. In the company's rules of grading and all the important centres there are foremen and expert packers who watch carefully the entire process of preparing fruit for shipment. Orchard requisites, which include spraying materials, are provided, and the fruit is tended in every possible way. Every grower is compelled to subscribe at least \$100 capital sum to his local association.

Many are the advantages over other apple-growing districts claimed by Nova Scotia. Farmers are enabled not only to produce, but also to despatch more cheaply than in America. Land costs about one-fifth of the money demanded in the Western and North-Western States of America; and a farm labourer will work for 5s. to 6s. a day, as opposed to 8s paid in the United States. Furthermore, the apple-growing dis-

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CREAM TARTAR, ¼ lb.	.07	SEASONING, can	.08½
SEEDED RAISINS, pkg.	.11	FROSTING SUGAR, lb.	.08½
SEEDED RAISINS, pkg.	.13	LEMON EXTRACT, 2 oz. bot.	.08½
RAISINS, lb.	.09½	VANILLA EXTRACT, 2-oz bot.	.08½
CURRENTS, pkg.	.10	BAKER'S COCOA, can	.13
CITRON PEEL, lb.	.23	MOLASSES, gal.	.47
ORANGE PEEL, lb.	.17	LARD, lb.	.17

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W. W. CHESLEY.

tricts of Nova Scotia are conveniently situated, being within one hundred miles of the shipping port. Some American centres are 3,000 miles distant. Being comparatively close to England, the apples are carried at an ordinary rate of freight, as against the enhanced charges incurred on fruit conveyed in specially constructed cool chambers. The freight from port to port is usually 2s 6d a barrel, and the cost of a barrel and packing amounts to 1s 8d; so that, despite all advantages, the fruit has to bear a fair share of expense before the grower gets any return for his produce.

Only apples technically described as "clean" are shipped in the first two grades; that is to say, the fruit must be free from blemish or spots. Unfortunately these disfigurements sometimes develop on the voyage, especially in the case of an early variety, the Gravenstein. This year the crop is estimated to provide about 1,000,000 barrels, the equivalent of 3,000,000 English bushels of apples, of which a large proportion will be Liveston Pippins, Blenheim's, Spitzenbergs, Baldwins and Greenings. Of fine, handsome Kings there are not many. Prices range from moderate to low, for, although the crop in Nova Scotia is much smaller than that of last year, there are on the market enormous quantities of apples from other parts of the world, thus lowering the value all round.

It may safely be said that the community of Nova Scotian apple growers is a prosperous one. Every season, of course, not entirely successful. Nor is it interrupted success to be expected in regard to crops in any part of the world; but by taking the average results of fat and lean years, there is not much reason to complain at the generosity of Nature in the Annapolis Valley, the "land of Evangeline."

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Merrill, who have had charge of the Masonic Home at Windsor since its opening, have resigned. The resignations have been accepted, to take effect April 1st next, or sooner at their convenience.

Don't decide to abstain from giving just because you cannot afford expensive presents. The thoughtfulness of your gift, the interest you take in those to whom you give, are the principal things. The intrinsic value of your gift counts very little.

BOLD PROJECT TO FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

London, Nov. 21.—Following a flight which Claude Graham White yesterday took with Otto Kahn, as a passenger, the aviator today gave out the particulars as to his plans to fly across the Atlantic. He said he has completed plans for a machine 1000 horse power and four engines and six propellers. He also said he had expected to journey round land to land in something between twenty and thirty hours. The machine being built so as to remain in the air thirty hours.

Constantinople, Dec. 1.—Travellers from Belgrade describe the massacre of Moslems by Bulgarians when they entered that town, which is reported to be typical of what is happening throughout Macedonia.

The first Bulgarians to enter were an irregular band of not more than one hundred and thirty. A shot was fired from the Mosque, which was flying a white flag; whereupon the Bulgarians demolished the Mosque by bombing and looting the Turkish quarter and massacred five hundred persons. More than one hundred bodies were counted in the streets, some of which were those of Christians.

THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION (Hartford Times).

A thirteen-year-old youngster died of tetanus in Brooklyn. He stepped on a rusty nail, covered the wound with adhesive plaster and went about his play while the dread disease developed. This moves a physician to call attention to the fact that the tetanus germ can develop only where the air is excluded, and that had the wound been washed with an antiseptic and kept open the boy would have, in all probability, escaped. How many lives have ended in agony because this simple little fact was not known.

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